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PATENT

Practitioner's Docket No. 97-500

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Sue Harkins Crim et al.  
Serial No. 09/002,276 Group No.: 2786  
Filed: December 31, 1997 Examiner: Not Assigned  
For: CLEC CONVERGENT  
BILLING SYSTEM

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

## PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 C.F.R. 1.136(a))

1. This is a petition for an extension of the shortened statutory period set for response to a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted (PTO-1533) mailed April 1, 1998 for a total period of four months.
2. A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested if filed herewith.
3. Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1)-(5)):  
Extension: Fee for other than small entity:  
four months \$1,510.00  
**Fee \$1,510.00**  
Extension fee due with this request \$1,510.00
4. Fee Payment. Charge fee to Account No. 07-2347. This is a request to charge for any additional extension and/or fee required or credit for any excess fee paid.  
*A duplicate copy of this petition is attached.*

Date

10/1/98

Signature of Practitioner

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CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.10  
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I hereby certify that this correspondence and the documents referred to as attached or enclosed therein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

Gail Terry

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